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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/634,887
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For: MICROWAVE PHASE SHIFTER AND POWER
AMPLIFIER
Group Art Unit: 2817
Examiner: Benny T. Lee

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTON REQUIREMENT

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 24, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Group I, Claims 1-3, 7-11 and 17, drawn to a phase shifter with an active region and an amplifier using such a phase shifter. Applicant makes this election based on the understanding that Applicant is not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement as the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together, especially in light of the Examiner's statement that the two inventions are classified under the same Class 333. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

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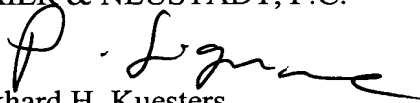
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

In the present application no undue burden has been established if each of the claims were examined together. In contrast, the present restriction requirement subjects the Applicants to the added financial burden of prosecuting Claims 1-3, 7-11, 17 and Claims 4-6, 12-16, 18 in separate proceedings.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-18 be conducted.

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